



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

In compliance with section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 concerning opportunity for public comment on proposed collections of information, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the information collection plans, call the SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer on (240) 276-0361.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Proposed Project: 2022 National Survey on Drug Use and Health (OMB No. 0930-0110)

The National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) is a survey of the U.S. civilian, non-institutionalized population aged 12 years old or older. The data are used to determine the prevalence of use of tobacco products, alcohol, illicit substances, and illicit use of prescription drugs. The results are used by SAMHSA, the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), federal government agencies, and other organizations and researchers to establish policy, direct program activities, and better allocate resources.

As certain parts of the United States reduce COVID-19 restrictions, NSDUH in-person data collection will proceed where possible. However, to ensure sufficient data are collected to produce nationally representative estimates for the 2022 survey, NSDUH will continue to employ a mix of in-person and web-based modes of administration to allow those respondents living in areas with COVID-19 restrictions the opportunity to participate. If the COVID-19 pandemic subsides to such levels to allow in-person data collection to resume nationwide, SAMHSA may reassess that multimode data collection model as part of the 2022 NSDUH.

In those areas where in-person data collection is permitted, NSDUH protocols, processes, and materials will continue to reflect the need to ensure the safety of respondents and field interviewers with respect to COVID-19 – after initial implementation of such measures beginning in October 2020 – which include equipping field interviewers with masks, gloves, disinfecting wipes, and hand sanitizer for use during data collection and providing a COVID-19 risk information form to all respondents.

In addition, the NSDUH questionnaire must be updated periodically to reflect changing substance use and mental health issues and to continue producing current data. For the 2022 NSDUH, the following questionnaire updates are planned: 1) replacing the tobacco module with a redesigned nicotine module that includes questions about vaping, removes low priority items to reduce respondent burden and eliminates outdated terminology; 2) revising the marijuana module to include questions about the use of CBD, update questions on the mode of administration and eliminate outdated

terminology and includes changes to the market information for marijuana questions; 3) redesigning the adult and youth mental health services utilization modules into one Mental Health Service Utilization model to remove questions with outdated terminology and include questions about newer treatments with recent increases in popularity; and 4) replacing the drug treatment module with a redesigned alcohol and drug treatment module that includes questions about newer treatments and those that have increased in popularity, as well as eliminating outdated terminology and reducing respondent burden.

As with all NSDUH/NHSDA¹ surveys conducted since 1999, the sample size of the NSDUH main study for 2022 will be sufficient to permit prevalence estimates for each of the fifty states and the District of Columbia. The total annual burden estimate for the NSDUH main study is shown below in Table 1.

Table 1. Annualized Estimated Burden for 2022 NSDUH

Instrument	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Total number of responses	Hours per response	Total burden hours
Household Screening	168,674	1	168,674	0.083	14,000
Interview	67,507	1	67,507	1.000	67,507
Screening Verification	5,060	1	5,060	0.067	339
Interview Verification	10,126	1	10,126	0.067	678
Total	168,674		251,367		82,524

Send comments to Carlos Graham, SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer, 5600 Fisher Lane, Room 15E57A, Rockville, MD 20852 *OR* email him a copy at carlos.graham@samhsa.hhs.gov. Written comments should be received by [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

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¹ Prior to 2002, the NSDUH was referred to as the National Household Survey on Drug Abuse (NHSDA).